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COMMERCIAL CLUB DECIDES FOR FALL FESTIVAL

The holding of a fall festival next month, which would combine an agricultural exhibition, an automobile show and a merchant's exhibit was practically decided on at a meeting Tuesday night held at the office of the Commercial Club. It was the consensus of opinion among those at the meeting, including merchants, representatives of the farm bureau, and auto dealers, that the exhibition should be made something worth while, getting forth the agricultural and commercial resources of Paris and Bourbon county.

A committee composed of Withers Davis, Carlton Ball, C. A. Webber, M. P. Collier, and Lee Price, was appointed to formulate a program of the entertainment, prepare a statement of expenses and report to an other meeting of merchants, farmers, and automobile dealers to be held next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

One of the principal features of the show will be a historical pageant, setting forth the early history of the city, county and Central Kentucky. In case the exhibition is held for three days, as is at present planned, the pageant would be produced each evening. Prof. Lee Kirkpatrick, superintendent of schools, sent word to the meeting that he would be glad to co-operate in this feature of the show.

Owing to the heavy expense of staging a fashion show, it was decided to eliminate this feature. The merchants were favorable, however, to arranging booth exhibits through which the latest fashions could be demonstrated. It is the purpose to interest all business men in having booth exhibits which could be arranged, it is believed, at slight expense to each merchant.

The agricultural show will be open to all Bourbon county people desiring to enter. Premiums would be offered for the best individual exhibits and also to the magisterial district with the best general exhibit.

Although definite arrangements have not been made, it is highly probable that the festival will be held in one or more of the large tobacco warehouses which would be especially decorated and fitted up for the occasion. A large stage would be built for the production of the pageant and sufficient seats built to accommodate a large crowd. Special lighting effects would be arranged.

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"NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT" TO BE INAUGURATED TO-NIGHT

To-night will witness the inauguration in Paris of an innovation in Community Service activities, known as "Neighborhood Night." This will be the first of a series of such events, according to information given out by Miss Nell Robbins, Paris Community Service director.

Miss Robbins requests those who have cars and desire to take part to meet in front of the court house at 6:30 p. m. They will then proceed to Nineteenth and Main streets, arriving at 6:45; thence to Fifteenth and High streets, arriving at 6:45; thence to Fifteenth and High streets, arriving at 7:15. From this point they will go to Parrish avenue and Vine street at 7:45, and to Seventh and Walker avenue at 8:15.

At each of these stops a program will be carried out which will include a band concert, community songs, led by Clay Sutherland; a xylophone solo by Dr. W. J. Kiff; a ten-minute speech by Judge Denis Dundon, and a clog dance.

This will be everybody's night, and everybody is requested to take part. At each stop those living in the neighborhood who have not already joined the procession are expected to come out of their homes, welcome the visitors and enjoy the program.

Did you ever stop to think how few people you know in our pretty little city, noted for its hospitality and neighborliness?

Do you know your next door neighbor? Do you know the folks across the street, in the next block, or the next neighborhood?

We are told to "love our neighbor as ourself." Do you love him enough to go out of your way to grasp his hand and shake it like we were really glad to see and know him?

Perhaps we've never been introduced.

Well, that's just what these neighborhood nights are for—a get-together party, so to speak, where we introduce ourselves to everybody else and have a good time generally.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

A large crowd attended the public auction of the M. J. Lavin property at the corner of Eighth and Walker avenue, Wednesday afternoon, by Harris, Speakes & Harris. The bidding was spirited, but the property was withdrawn after having been bid up to \$4,700.

HOME-KILLED MEATS

HOME-KILLED MEATS OUR SPECIALTY. WAGON WITH BELL ON IT PASSES YOUR DOOR.
C. H. MULLINGER.
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REV. MANN TAKES ISSUE ABOUT PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING

(From Lexington Herald, Sept. 20)
The Herald takes pleasure in publishing and directing the attention of its readers to a communication from the Rev. E. G. B. Mann, in the People's Forum of this issue.

The Herald welcomes the opportunity to join with the Rev. Mr. Mann in his indicated desire to have it "set up straight at the start" in the movement that has been inaugurated by Helm Bruce, who has gathered about him a committee to prosecute the effort to prohibit the use of pari-mutuel machines on the race track.

According to Mr. Mann there will be sent:

"A questionnaire to all candidates for both houses of the Legislature requesting them to state their position on the proposed bill to abolish the legal sanction now given by Kentucky statutes to the use of pari-mutuel gambling machines on the race track grounds of the State."

The form of that questionnaire is of importance and that form will reveal whether Mr. Bruce and his committee are frank with the people. Some of the members of the committees are in all probability quite ignorant of the history of racing and unfamiliar with the effect of various laws that have been passed. But Mr. Bruce, the chairman—and apparently the directing genius of the committee—should be, and we doubt not, is thoroughly familiar with such laws. He knows that before the passage of the act creating the State Racing Commission and authorizing the use of pari-mutuel machines the book-makers controlled the betting on race tracks. He knows that Cella, Tilles and Adler, of St. Louis and New York, who ran bucket-shops and race tracks in various sections of the country, owned Latonia and Douglas Park; that there was a syndicate book on all of the tracks controlled by them; that instead of there being a commission of five per cent. taken from the amount bet, the books were made on a basis of from twenty to thirty per cent., which was retained by the bookmakers.

Mr. Bruce knows that racing was in a deplorable condition; that the meetings were long and that under the syndicate system of book-making there was every sort of rascality committed; that the passage of the act creating the State Racing Commission and giving that Commission control of racing shortened the meetings and required an increase in the purses, which under the ownership of the bookmaking-bucket-shop combination were not one-fourth as large as they are to-day.

The owners of those tracks instituted a suit to have the act creating the State Racing Commission declared unconstitutional. Mr. Bruce is entirely familiar with these facts, for he was their attorney. The purpose of that suit was to destroy the power of the State Racing Commission, that required the use of the pari-mutuel machines and required larger purses and stakes, and give to Mr. Bruce's clients the power to run those tracks as they pleased, with a syndicate book, long meetings and purses of the smallest amount for which they could induce any owners to run their horses on a merry-go-round.

Mr. Bruce was entirely within his rights as a lawyer to act as attorney for Cella, Tilles and Adler in their effort to continue to give the small purses they could run a syndicate book, with a percentage of from twenty to thirty per cent, instead of pari-mutuels with a percentage of only five per cent and a requirement by the State Racing Commission to give fair-sized purses and stakes.

Mr. Bruce failed in his efforts to have declared unconstitutional the act creating the Racing Commission. The Court of Appeals thwarted the effort to re-establish the power of the bucket-shop-bookmaking combination, for which Mr. Bruce was the attorney.

Dr. Mann in his statement this morning and Mr. Bruce in the propaganda that he is putting out emphasize the fact—as stated by Dr. Mann: "The toll for the Kentucky Jockey Club is about \$2,000,000." We do not know whether this is correct, but we will ascertain the facts.

Assuming it, for the moment, to be correct, the statement made by Mr. Bruce, "that a legalized giant monopoly realizes a profit of two or three millions dollars a year out of this demoralizing vice," is absolutely unvarnished. Mr. Bruce knows that statement is not accurate.

Out of the five per cent commission from the pari-mutuel machines and the admission fees, the Kentucky Jockey Club pays taxes and licenses aggregating somewhere between a half million and three quarters of a million dollars; it pays the expenses of conducting the race meetings that aggregate hundreds of thousands of dollars; we do not know how much the distribution to the horsemen amount to, but without attempting to be accurate we should say certainly over a million of dollars—four or five times as much as was distributed during the longer meetings by Mr. Bruce's clients for whom he attempted to destroy the State Racing Commission and have re-created the syndicate book.

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"Are you in favor of the re-establishment of the syndicate book in Kentucky?"

As the second question:

"Will you vote in favor of a law that will again put the race tracks of Kentucky under the control of a group of men who will decrease the purses and multiply the percentage that they will get individually from conducting books on those tracks?"

As the third question:

"Are you opposed to legalized betting and in favor of the sort of betting there is in New York, that the courts have decided cannot be stopped by law and under which the public is robbed?"

Every candidate for the Legislature who gets the questionnaire from the committee of which Mr. Bruce is chairman should obtain full information before making a decision. There are two elements to be considered in reaching a decision about any movement—one, the announced object of that movement; the other the personality of those who father the movement.

The candidates for the Legislature and the people of the State are entitled to full information in regard to both. In an authoritative statement sent out by the Associated Press, Mr. Bruce is quoted as saying:

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The effect of the present fight headed by Mr. Bruce should also be published as well as the result attempted to be attained by him in the suit to have declared unconstitutional the act creating the State Racing Commission.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE COMPANY ELECT NEW DIRECTORS

At a postponed meeting of the stockholders of the Bourbon Tobacco Warehouse Company, held Tuesday afternoon at the court house, the following Board of Directors were elected to serve until the first Saturday in May, 1922:

Samuel Clay, Edward Burke, Henry S. Caywood, Cassius M. Clay, Jr., A. L. Stephenson, S. R. Burris, A. B. Hancock, Warren M. Rogers, James M. Caldwell, J. L. Denton, John Woodford, William Collins, John W. Jones and George W. Stuart.

Following the meeting of the stockholders the newly-elected directors held a meeting, but adjourned until to-morrow, at 2:30 p. m., on account of the absence of several members. At this meeting a new manager and other officials to conduct the business of the Company for the coming season will be selected.

SEED WHEAT FOR SALE

BEARDED FULTZ SEED WHEAT. PHONE. CUMBERLAND 540 NIGHT. 997 DAY. OLD R. B. HUTCHCRAFT ELEVATOR STAND. COLLIER BROS.

dicade book. Instead of this "giant monopoly" that Mr. Bruce now denounces realizing profits of two or three millions of dollars," as he states, he knows the expenditure of the Jockey Club in licenses, taxes, expenses, and purses and stakes to the horsemen, amount to fully ninety per cent. of the receipts of the Jockey Club.

Mr. Bruce's success in the present effort that he is leading will have one of two effects—either racing will be destroyed in Kentucky entirely, or it will be continued under the system that is in vogue in New York, where the bookmakers and the hand-book men reap unreported and untold profits.

The present fight should be denominated An Effort to Restore the Profits and Power of the Bookmakers. Every man acquainted with racing or with the history of racing knows that the pari-mutuel machine is the fairest form of wagering; that it prevents corrupt bookmakers and owners from forming a combination to lay against a horse and have that horse pulled, as is possible under the system of bookmaking in vogue in New York, as a result of the success of the fight waged by the bookmakers and poolroom keepers who induced sincere, honest, conscientious but misinformed persons to join with them in that fight.

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RURAL MAIL CARRIERS TO HOLD MEETING

A meeting of the rural mail carriers of this district will be held at the Phoenix Hotel, in Lexington, Saturday at 7:30 p. m., according to announcement made by C. V. Martin, secretary of the Kentucky Rural Letter Carriers' Association.

The following counties will be represented at the meeting which it is understood is for the purpose of perfecting a district organization: Fayette, Scott, Woodford, Franklin, Clark, Bourbon, Jessamine and Madison.

An interesting program has been arranged by Secretary C. V. Martin, of Brumfield, Ky., for the meeting Saturday, and a large number of the Bourbon County members are expected to be in attendance. Mr. Douglas A. Thomas, Jr., of Paris, is local secretary of Bourbon county branch of the Kentucky Rural Letter Carriers' Association, and he requests that every carrier in the county attend the convention in Lexington.

Cheating the lawyer, we suppose, might be classed as the impossible sin.

In our office for the purpose of drafting the bill creating the State Racing Commission, to the control of racing in Kentucky by a group of rapacious bucket-shop-poolroom men who had no thought beyond the profits they might make from the ownership of the tracks and the making of books.

We are now, as we were then, against the control of the race tracks by men who gave the least possible purses to the horsemen, retaining for themselves.

We are against the control of the tracks by men who, regardless of public opinion, had race meetings of such length and such character as to arouse the condemnation of all honest sportsmen—as was the case in Missouri, where Mr. Bruce's clients obtained control of the race tracks, and in Kentucky under their control.

We are against an insidious campaign for the avowed purpose of destroying legalized betting, the effect of which would be to establish a form of bookmaking that is now in vogue in New York, under which a syndicate of bookmakers get from twenty to thirty per cent. and the public gets robbed.

Dr. Mann and Mr. Bruce stated that they will submit a questionnaire to the candidates for the Legislature. We hope the candidates for the Legislature will also submit a questionnaire to them.

PARIS MAN TELLS OF SOUTHERN WEED MARKET

In a letter to THE NEWS Bryan Williams, formerly of Paris, who is located in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, orders THE NEWS sent to his present address as "the best paper in Central Kentucky." Mr. Williams adds:

"I am engaged here with the C. C. Cooper Tobacco Warehouse, one of the largest in the South."

"Tobacco is selling much better than farmers expected. Good grades are bringing from forty cents to \$1.10 a pound. The warehouse floors are averaging from twenty-five cents to thirty cents. There are some crops that have averaged as high as fifty and sixty cents. That has been the highest average this year."

A post card from Farmville, North Carolina, gives some encouraging figures in regard to the Southern markets, which are always an indication of what the markets may be in Kentucky. Several crops of tobacco sold recently at the Townsend Warehouse, in that place, brought averages ranging from \$40.00 to \$57.50, as follows: \$40.00, \$42.00, \$49.00, \$50.47, \$52.21, \$53.56, \$57.50. The daily sales reports show equally as good averages at other houses.

PENALTY WILL SOON GO ON

LIST YOUR PROPERTY NOW FOR TAXATION. THE PENALTY WILL SOON BE ON. ACT QUICK AND SAVE YOURSELVES.

MRS. MATTIE CLARK, Bourbon County Tax Commissioner. JNO. J. REDMON, Deputy.

C. J. LANCASTER SUFFERS PARALYTIC STROKE

Charles J. Lancaster, real estate agent, and well-known business man of Paris, suffered a paralytic stroke recently, which affected his face, leaving him almost helpless. Mr. Lancaster was reported yesterday as being some better, but still in a critical condition. He is the father of Ullman Lancaster and Mrs. Frank Burton, both of Paris, making his home with the latter, on Seventh street, and of Prof. Prentice Lancaster, of Harrison, Ohio.

PIE SUPPER

A pie supper will be given Saturday night at Monterey School house, on the Lexington pike, near Paris. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Remember the old-fashioned church that used to have a fresh quarrel in the choir about once a month?

"We Know How"

The College Boy

AFTER all, the College Boy is the keenest critic of clothes. He knows what's what in correct fashion and for Fall we have selected as our style leader such model as is in

Greatest Favor with the College Men All Over America

Not only the model—they have the wearing ability that comes only from pure woollens. We are ready to show these snappy models to you before you start on your way back to college.

Stetson Hats for Fall In All the New Shades

Boys' School Suits and Odd Pants

MITCHELL & BLAKEMORE

Outfitters to Men

STETSON HATS

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FRANK & CO.
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